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Mr. Ragesh Patel
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Re: Transmittal of Draft ROD Amendment for the Welsh Road Landfill Site, Honey Brook, PA

Dear Ragesh:

Enclosed for your review and comment please find three (3) copies of a draft Record of Decision ("ROD") Amendment for the Welsh Road Landfill Site. The focus of the draft ROD Amendment is to modify the type of landfill cap from a multi-media cap to an evaporation/transpiration cover system. This document is considered "work in progress" and may contain errors, omissions, and issues that may need to be further discussed. I am currently drafting a Community Update which will serve as the proposed plan during the public comment period. I will forward you a copy of the Community Update as soon as it is available.

As discussed with you earlier, EPA's plans are to include the draft ROD Amendment in the Administrative Record and distribute the Community Update in lieu of a proposed plan. This will reduce the time it takes to get ROD Amendment finalized at the end of the process and still meet the requirements of the NCP. A public meeting notice would also be published in the local newspaper.

EPA would like to issue a ROD Amendment for the Site this summer. With that in mind, the start of the public comment period should begin by late April or May. I am requesting your comments by March 30, 2002 so that I may incorporate PADEP input into the draft ROD Amendment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (215) 814-3218.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Klanchar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Frank Klanchar
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Enclosures

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